


LEWIS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC FACILITIES PROJECT PROPOSAL

Date: February 11, 2016	Lewis County #
Applicant: Port of Chehalis	Address: 321 Maurin Road
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Project Title: Curtis Rail Line Natural Disaster Repairs	
Project Type: (specify your current need)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building construction & Repairs	Is your request a funding gap? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Total project cost : \$100,000	
Amount raised to date: \$75,000	What are you requesting now?: \$25,000
Is this a phased in Project? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, how many phases and how many years? _____ <div style="text-align: center;">No phases</div>
Is this a Loan <input type="checkbox"/> or a <u>Grant</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> request?	

1. Briefly describe your project. When did you start work on it? Who is involved? What is the scope of the project? (Use provided space only.) *In November and December 2015 natural disasters significantly damaged portions of the Port owned Curtis Rail Line. Tree fall damages to a large trestle and under track washouts have rendered the last mile of the line unsafe for trains. FEMA Public Assistance grants will cover only 75% of the eligible repair costs. The state's willingness to contribute their 12.5% is unknown at this time and may not occur. The Port has obtained repair estimates from railroad construction contractors and paid for a structural evaluation of the trestle heavily damaged by the tree fall. Once FEMA and other funds are secured the repairs will be made.*

2. How does the project satisfy, in whole or in part, your economic diversification strategy?
The mission of the Port of Chehalis is to be a catalyst for economic growth and diversification by recruiting new business and industry and supporting the retention and expansion of existing ones. This project repairs natural disaster damages to Port owned railroad property.

3. Is this project a documented county wide priority? **No**
☐ Yes it ranks ☐ (1st, 2nd, etc.) in our county wide prioritization process.

4. Summarize efforts taken to date regarding the project in terms of specific steps/studies and dates of action, where appropriate. (Use provided space only.)

A. Is this project part of a plan (capital facilities, growth management, business, etc.)? **Yes. Port of Chehalis Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements.**

B. What engineering reports and feasibility studies have been prepared, and when? *Engineering evaluation of the trestle shows its still structurally safe for trains. Contractor evaluation of the washout damages indicate it's repairable and the rail line can be restored to pre-disaster design, function and capability.*

5. Summarize efforts you've taken to date regarding the project in terms of: (Give specific titles and dates of adoption where appropriate. (Use provided space only.)

A. Have you secured funds for this project from local, state or federal programs or foundations? Specify sources, including local match and dollar amounts. If there are conditions attached to any of these secured funding sources, please specify. ***FEMA funding for their 75% contribution is pending.***

B. Are there other efforts you have made that are unique to this project?

Presidential Declarations have been made for both the natural disaster events. FEMA funding is authorized.

What are the anticipated outcomes of this project in terms of the criteria identified below? **Quantify information where possible.** (If a section does not apply, mark it "NA".)

How many full-time, permanent jobs will this project create or retain? Retain? 8 Create in 1-3 years? 0 Create in 3-5 years? 0
What is the size of the population that will benefit by these infrastructure improvements? <i>Lewis County, 77,000</i>
How will this project improve local infrastructure capacity? <i>The Port's rail infrastructure is essential to Western Washington Railroad's service to the Curtis Pole Yard (McFarland Cascade) and the operations of the Chehalis-Centralia Railroad & Museum.</i>
How many businesses do you plan on serving with this project? <i>Three</i>
How many months will the work on this project take to complete? <i>2 Months</i>

6. Are there other factors significant to this project that we should be aware of, such as emergency declaration, bird in hand industry, volunteer efforts, etc? (Use provided space only.) ***No***

Presidential Emergency Declarations have been made for both the November Windstorm Event and the December Flood Event.

7. What **quantifiable outcomes** are you going to track to measure the success of this project? (Use provided space only.)

The success of this project will be measured by the completion of repairs of the two damaged areas and continuation of rail service to the McFarland Cascade Pole Yard at Curtis.